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New Dry Farming System

INFORMATION from northeastern New Mexico is to the effect that farmers in that section were just about ready to give up and quit in disgust when the rains came Sunday. Many had already left their farms, the hot, dry weather having killed most of their crops. In many cases, however, according to information from a reliable source, the rain, if it continues through the summer, will result in making fairly good forage and bean crops, also broomcorn and milo maize in many instances.

These farmers were all trying "dry farming," but the spring and early summer were too dry for them. They went about the preparation of their land in the usual manner of the scientific soil culturist—that of treating it in winter so as to hold the moisture for spring planting, expecting the rains to do the rest. They conserved enough moisture to bring up the crops, but the hot winds and the drought killed many of the crops before the rain came.

This had been the same experience before and it brings up the question if the plan adopted by R. Branagh, who is doing experimental work near Juarez for the Mexican government, is not the best for this region. Branagh cultivates his land in the winter and spring, but he makes no effort to conserve the moisture. He mulches it and gets it into good shape for the summer rains and then waits until he is pretty certain it is about time for them to fall, when he plants in perfectly dry ground.

In this manner the seed will not spoil, and when the rain does come, the seed soon sprout, and the succeeding rains mature the crop. He made a good crop last year on less than four inches of rain.

Following the same method this year, he had just got his crop planted when the rain came. Now, if other rains follow, he will make a good crop. He will have the advantage over those who planted earlier, in that the crop will get a continuous growth and will not feel any of the adverse influences that result from drought attacking the young plant and stunting its growth just at a time when it ought to have moisture.

It might be well to give Mr. Branagh's plan a thorough tryout in New Mexico.

The rain was even good to the El Paso ball team by saving it from defeat.

There will be some wool flying if Tom Campbell goes after Joe Bailey's senatorial goat.

At last it has come. El Paso is as wet as any town in the country now; no dust storms, no parched crops; everything lovely.

No severe pain, it appears, will attend the operation for cutting out Carlisbad's hoose. The saloonkeepers are to have an anesthetic.

A citizen who does not take interest enough to plant grass and flowers is not the best citizen a city can have. It is very little trouble or expense and makes a city worth living in to have flowers and grass plots.

Mexican voters established a new precedent by really casting a lot of ballots against the ruling power in Sunday's election. In the past, if has been a case of "go to the polls and vote if you want to vote for Diaz; stay away if you don't."

Uniform For the President

THE suggestion of the Army and Navy Journal that congress provide a suitable military uniform for the president of the United States is a good one.

The suggestion was brought out by the recent occurrence in London at the funeral of king Edward, when ex-president Roosevelt had to wear a dress suit in the middle of the day at the funeral of the late king.

The journal suggests that a uniform for ceremonial occasions should be provided for the president, such uniform to be his right after retirement, on the occasion of public functions and state events. It is pointed out that the president is the commander-in-chief of the army and navy and as such should have a uniform, especially on occasions when fleets or army maneuvers are reviewed. It is rather awkward to see a man in civilian clothes, surrounded by a brilliant staff, attending such a review and on such rare occasions as the Taft-Diaz visit at El Paso and the Roosevelt tour of Europe, the plain dress of the civilian is equally as awkward and out of place.

Rulers of all nations have uniforms; many of them a different one for every day in the year; it is customary and attaches to the dignity of the office. It should not smack of imperialism or militarism for the president of the United States to have a uniform. Instead, it would show good taste and prevent embarrassments.

A military uniform is appropriate anywhere, and if the officials under the authority of the president wear gold lace and epaulets and chapeaus, why shouldn't the president wear them?

It is poor economy to put down cheap street paving.

Port O'Connor, Texas, has been opened. It ought to be an attractive point for Irish emigrants.

R. V. Davidson has an appointment to speak at Frost, Tex., on July 9. It is to be hoped for Mr. Davidson's sake that the meeting differs from the name of the town.

Mr. Taft will probably not lose very much sleep even if the Texas Republicans do endorse Roosevelt. It is what some of the other states further north are going to do about it that is calculated to trouble the slumbers of the chief executive.

The San Antonio Express says the chapel at Fort Sam Houston should be hurried, as it is needed. Not so at Fort Bliss; our soldier boys are such a fine lot that they don't need a chapel.

A man who was troubled with insomnia and couldn't sleep in a Los Angeles park tried to end his life. They wouldn't give him a chance to try to get to sleep in an El Paso park.

Los Angeles is about to pass a law barring every person under 21 years of age from attending places of amusement unless with an adult escort. It will be a blow to the moving picture showmen.

The San Antonio city council is going after the moving picture theaters rather rough shod. It has drafted an ordinance that operating booths must be placed at the end of the auditorium farthest from the street; that exits must be five feet wide and that all rooms over 40 feet deep must have a wide exit, in addition to two at each end of the hall.

EDITORIAL

UNCLE WALT'S

THERE'S always some troupe slopping with snow; in summer the blindest through the crowd: "Oh, why is luck is all they there's no place to find a nothing and re—Oh, sugar, your

GRIEF TO BURN

swallow is poisoned with germ, yet you are happy, you aleck dums! You simply won't w earth with a cloudburst of te crowd—and that's why the se

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Graduation the

The class historian steps new tan shoes squeaking o prelude to his chronicle. chosen to his office as the in the class. He touches at events—as, for instance, t two years back when every academy brought in a liv school, and simultaneously loose during morning praye end of his address the histo fies his hearers by a poeti (it is rumored about that h ter wrote it) which runs th

"The Classes come, and the Through summer heat and vi But the best of Classes know Is our Class—the Class of 1910.

The applause which ensue follows him across the platform.

Next comes the statistician, and boy, short plump, twinkling eye, he touches only matter-of-fact points average age, height, weight. But soon he comes to data of vital interest for which the school is waiting; the name of the boy who wears the largest shoe and the girl who wears the smallest; the number of girls who chew gum; the boy who has the biggest hat, and so on.

Music next. Two young girls—underclassmen, for whom this is the sole bit of distinction tonight—go to the piano and thump out the "Military Polonaise" as an accompaniment to the talk that fills the hall. The audience, delighted, demands an encore. The girls hesitate, then return to the piano, and, according to the unwritten canons of such an occasion, play an encore longer than the first. No, it isn't "Poet and Peasant"—it is "The Beautiful Blue Danube."

The One Big Event.

And now comes the event of the evening—the class prophecy. There is no escape for any one now, for to omit a classmate from the prophecy is the insult of insults. By time-honored custom a girl foretells the future of the boys and a boy presides over the destinies of the girls.

The prophetess takes the rostrum first. She is a tall, well-built girl, with a shrewd, merry eye—a sweet girlish vagueness that fits her for the present task. Yet with all her ingenuity she must needs fall back on the old stock formulas for seeing into the future. She is not to be blamed, for there are no new ones. She begins something like this:

"One fine spring morning in the year (naming a date some 10 or 15 years in the future), 'I was unexpectedly delayed for an afternoon in New York city, and while looking about for something to do, when should I meet but my old friend John Smith.'—Hereupon the unlucky Smith, the best athlete in the class and a notorious 'ladies' man,' blushes furiously and catches his breath, while his friends about him in the audience nudge him.

The prophetess continues: "Finding a spot where we could chat quietly" (needless to say the young lady has never been in New York), "I questioned him about himself. With some reluctance he told me that at present he was the director of physical culture in a fashionable young ladies' school up the Hudson."—A wild burst of laughter smothered the speaker, while Smith sinks as low as possible in his seat. Again the prophetess: "It seems that Smith had married one of the teachers in that school" (another subtle thrust, for the school is universally disliked by the teaching staff), "and they had both been to teaching. We got to talking of our old school days together, and Smith was able to tell me about many of my classmates. For instance—"

And here follows the riot of forecasts. Either the victim is polestar in just the niche his present character would presuppose, or by the principle of "juxtaposition of the incongruous" he is allotted to a sphere wholly at variance with all his normal traits.

On Patrioticism.

And who is this that shambles for-

With the Exchanges

NO DANGER.

From Talban Valley (N. M.) News.
The gapping public will not mistake the two new stars in the west for comets or anything else of ill omen.

STICK TO THE MEN.

From Morenci (Ariz.) Leader.
The eagle is a noble bird but the old hen contributes more to the welfare of the human race.

AN INDUCEMENT.

From Cocoonino (Ariz.) Sun.
The moving picture privilege for the Jeffries-Johnson fight was sold for about \$200,000. Figures like that are enough to make anyone fight.

PRINCIPALLY OTHER THINGS.

From Roswell (N. M.) Register-Tribune.
Of course we are very happy over the statehood bill, but there are other things. For example, the Roswell baseball club.

RACES CAUSED IT.

From Tombstone (Ariz.) Prospector.
Two El Paso ministers on Sunday declared most positively that the tragedy of last Friday in which E. Kohlberg was slain by his tenant, John Leech, was directly traceable to the Juarez races. Both Dr. Robert Bruce Smith and Rev. Perry J. Rice declared that the slayer had lost money at the races and was therefore unable to pay his rent, hence the notice of dispossession served by the owner of the property and the killing of the owner by the enraged tenant.

NO DANGER.

From Arizona (Phoenix) Gazette.
After many years' struggle and contention with the private water company in El Paso, the citizens have at last taken the only sensible step and voted in favor of issuing bonds for a municipal plant. El Paso is now suffering owing to an increase of insurance rates due to the poor fire protection afforded by the present water works system. The result of the municipal ownership election is a great victory for the El Paso Herald which has advocated this for some time. El Paso is one of the greatest commercial centers in the whole southwest and the city cannot afford to have progress blocked by the unsatisfactory conditions under private control and has therefore taken the only course that the best interests of the citizens would dictate. Phoenix has solved her water works troubles and is getting the benefit. El Pasoans are progressive and will do the same.

DAYTON PHYSICIAN DIES.

Water in shallow well.
Masons Attend Temple Dedication in Roswell; Bridge Foreman Arrived From Kansas City; Per.

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Dayton, N. M., June 28.—Dr. I. B. Heck, 66 years of age, died at his home here of tuberculosis, and was buried in the Artesia cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. Dr. Heck was formerly postmaster of Dayton, resigning last fall on account of failing health. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

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Lee Atkinson has completed a fine underflow well for Dr. M. B. Culpepper at his home on Fourth avenue. The well is 98.1-2 feet deep with the water standing to within 30 feet of the top. A. R. Bledsoe and family have gone to El Paso, Tex., where he has a position with a contracting company. Mrs. W. W. Kavanaugh and daughter, Miss Eddie, of Jonesboro, La., are here for the benefit of Mrs. Kavanaugh's health. A delegation of Dayton Masons went to Roswell to attend the dedication of

14 YEARS AGO TO DAY

(From The Herald of this date, 1896)

The bachelors and summer grass widowers got together for a social session at the Golden Eagle gardens. Entire program excellent and refreshments monumental. Vocalists were furnished by Tom Lawton, Harry Carpenter, W. D. Howe, John Fulkerson, J. H. Adams, Zeke Newman, R. E. Moore and Joe Williams, clad in white caps and jackets.

A. S. Goetz, general manager of the best sugar factory at Eddy, was in town on his way to Colorado. He says the roof will be put on the factory in a few days and that it does not fear the sugar trust.

Gen. Bliss, commanding the department of Texas, arrived yesterday from San Antonio to inspect Fort Bliss. He is accompanied by his aides, Lieuts. Glasgow and Little, and Lieut. Reber, of the signal corps.

Agent T. E. Hunt, of the S. P., accompanied by Mrs. Hunt, are on a two weeks' trip to California. Bicyclists continue practicing for the fourth of July meet. W. Grandover made an eighth of a mile in 14 seconds flat, while Coles made a mile in 2:12 2-5.

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H. A. Van Epps received a telegram announcing the death of his wife, at the home of their son, in Cleveland, O. She was stricken with paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Doble, of Kansas City, have arrived here. Mr. Doble has charge of the construction of the Penasco bridge.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Hooten have returned to their home at Sterling City, Tex., after a visit with their son, I. E. Hooten.

Ermine Holt has returned to her home in Decatur, Tex., after a visit with Miss Millie Martin.

Abe Martin



orders scrambled eggs on anything. Con-married daughter every cottage 'cause bers.

At El Paso, has left the service, leaving Tuesday morning to accept the position of assistant city engineer of Los Angeles. Mr. Vincent has been in the reclamation service for the last five years and had charge of the construction work on the Laguna dam and would have been in charge of the work on the Elephant Butte dam had he remained with the service.

At Los Angeles, Mr. Vincent will be in charge of the harbor work in progress there. He had charge of the road construction work when Yellowstone park was being improved by the government, and was also an engineer in the army. Mr. Vincent's family, wife and two children, who have been in Washington, D. C., will join him in Los Angeles soon.

WOMAN BOUND OVER ON SMUGGLING CHARGE

Ethel Jackson, the El Paso woman arrested by customs officers on the charge of having had in her possession smuggled opium, was given a hearing before commissioner George B. Oliver Tuesday morning and held to the October session of the grand jury under a bond of \$350, which she gave and was released.

Frank Walsh, the man who was arrested in Los Angeles and bound over to the October term of federal court at El Paso on the same charge, under a bond of \$500, is said to be ready to give the bond but the commissioner is powerless to accept it. The bond will have to be accepted by Judge Maxey and Walsh was remanded to jail pending the arrival of the bond papers.

NACO MEN ARE CANDIDATES; IMMIGRATION AGENT ADVANCED

Naco, Ariz., June 28.—John T. Towner and E. A. Folsom are circulating petitions to the board of supervisors of Cochise county, asking for the appointment as justice of the peace, vice J. M. Hall, resigned.

Interpreter G. W. Lockwood, of the United States immigration service, for several years a resident of Naco, has been promoted to the position of inspector, and transferred to Nogales, Ariz. He has moved his family there.

Hugh Conlon, a well known mining man, has gone to Sonora, Mex., to inspect mining property.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS FORM ORGANIZATION AT ROSWELL

Roswell, N. M., June 28.—A local camp of United States war veterans is being organized here by Harold Hinds, receiver at the United States land office. Some 20 men have already signed the application for a charter, which will be sent to Thomas J. Lynd, at Fort Bayard, N. M., provisional commander for the department of New Mexico.

Announcements.

DISTRICT CLERK

The Herald is authorized to announce O. M. Talley as a candidate for District Clerk, subject to the Democratic primaries July 23, 1910.

SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of El Paso county subject to the Democratic primaries July 23, 1910.

F. J. Hall.